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UNIT 11

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Definitions

Note carefully the spelling, pronunciation, part(s) of speech, and definition(s) of each of the following words. Then write the word in the blank space(s) in the illustrative sentence(s) following. Finally, study the lists of synonyms and antonyms given at the end of each entry.

1. appease
(ə pēz′)

(*v.*) to make calm, soothe; to relieve, satisfy; to yield to

A snack of fresh fruit should _____ your hunger until mealtime.

SYNONYMS: pacify, mollify, placate, propitiate
ANTONYMS: enrage, provoke, irritate

2. belated
(bi lā′ tid)

(*adj.*) late, tardy

The _____ arrival of the party's guest of honor put the hosts in an awkward position.

SYNONYMS: delayed, behindhand
ANTONYMS: early, ahead of time

3. calamitous
(kə lam′ it əs)

(*adj.*) causing great misfortune

In 1906, a _____ earthquake and fire leveled much of the city of San Francisco.

SYNONYMS: disastrous, catastrophic, ruinous, fatal
ANTONYMS: fortunate, beneficial, salutary

4. cite
(sīt)

(*v.*) to quote; to mention; to summon to appear in court; to commend, recommend

Be sure to _____ your sources when you write a research paper.

SYNONYMS: refer to, enumerate, subpoena
ANTONYMS: ignore, disregard

5. conventional
(kən ven′ shə nəl)

(*adj.*) in line with accepted ideas or standards; trite

Many people have rather _____ taste in clothing.

SYNONYMS: ordinary, commonplace, orthodox
ANTONYMS: outlandish, bizarre, unorthodox

6. decoy
(*v.*, di koi′;
n., dē′ koi)

(*v.*) to lure into a trap; (*n.*) a person or thing used to lure into a trap

The Pied Piper _____ all the children away from the town of Hamelin by playing his flute.

Painted wooden _____ are prized by collectors of folk art as well as by hunters.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) entice, entrap; (*n.*) lure, bait

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7. delve
(delv)

(*v.*) to dig; to search deeply and thoroughly into

Scholars continue to _____ into all aspects of America's Civil War.

SYNONYMS: probe, investigate

8. ensue
(en sü′)

(v.) to follow in order, come immediately after and as a result

When an airplane crashes, both investigations and lawsuits can be expected to _____.

SYNONYM: result
ANTONYMS: precede, come before

9. gallantry
(gal′ ən trē)

(*n.*) heroic courage; respect and courtesy; an act or statement marked by a high level of courtesy

The Medal of Honor is awarded by Congress to those who perform acts of "conspicuous _____" in combat.

SYNONYMS: bravery, chivalrousness, valor, daring
ANTONYMS: cowardice, boorishness

10. impart
(im pärt′)

(*v.*) to make known, tell; to give, pass something on

All over the world, elders _____ the traditions of their culture to the younger generation.

SYNONYMS: transmit, bestow, grant
ANTONYMS: withhold, keep back, conceal

11. judicious
(jü dish′ əs)

(*adj.*) using or showing good judgment, wise, sensible

Cautious and _____ people consider all their options before making important decisions.

SYNONYMS: thoughtful, prudent, shrewd, astute
ANTONYMS: foolish, thoughtless, ill-considered

12. mediate
(*v.*, mē′ dē āt; *adj.*, mē′ dē ət)

(*v.*) to bring about an agreement between persons or groups, act as a go-between; (*adj.*) occupying a middle position; indirect, acting through an intermediary

A neutral third party often _____ contract talks between labor and management.

The name of the _____ star in Orion's Belt is Alnilam.

SYNONYMS: (*v.*) settle, arbitrate, umpire, referee

13. milieu
(mēl yù′)

(*n.*) the setting, surroundings, environment

An authentic _____ is an essential ingredient in a good historical novel.

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14. outlandish
(aůt land′ ish)

(*adj.*) strange, freakish, weird, foreign-looking; out-of-the-way, geographically remote; exceeding reasonable limits

Imaginative and _____ outfits are popular attire at a costume party.

SYNONYMS: peculiar, bizarre, odd, unorthodox, unconventional
ANTONYMS: conventional, orthodox, staid, sober

15. overbearing
(ō vər bâr′ iŋ)

(*adj.*) domineering, haughty, bullying; overpowering, predominant

An _____ person has a strong need to be in charge all the time.

SYNONYMS: high-handed, overriding
ANTONYMS: meek, unassuming, self-effacing

16. pert
(pərt)

(*adj.*) high-spirited; lively; bold, saucy; jaunty

Most adults are willing to tolerate a certain amount of _____ behavior in children.

SYNONYMS: vivacious, impudent, fresh
ANTONYMS: sullen, gloomy, morose, peevish

17. quirk
(kwərk)

(*n.*) a peculiar way of acting; a sudden twist or turn

A writer may be famous for creating characters who are full of interesting _____.

SYNONYMS: peculiarity, oddity, eccentricity

18. regale
(ri gāl′)

(*v.*) to feast, entertain agreeably

Most people are eager to _____ their friends with accounts of their vacation adventures.

SYNONYMS: amuse, divert

19. shiftless
(shift′ ləs)

(*adj.*) lazy, lacking in ambition and energy; inefficient

How can anyone lead a _____ life when there are so many interesting things to learn and to see?

SYNONYMS: careless, sloppy, lackadaisical
ANTONYMS: energetic, hardworking, ambitious

20. taint
(tānt)

(*n.*) a stain or spot; a mark of corruption or dishonor; (*v.*) to stain or contaminate

The _____ of bribery or other corrupt practices can put an end to the career of a public official.

When toxic chemicals _____ lakes and rivers, many fish and other animals die.

SYNONYMS: (*n.*) blot; (*v.*) soil, tarnish, pollute
ANTONYMS: (*v.*) purify, decontaminate, cleanse

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From the words for this unit, choose the one that best completes each of the following sentences. Write the word in the space provided.

1. Two of the youngsters acted as _____ while a third tried to swipe a few apples from the unguarded bin.
2. Having grown up in a(n) _____ where children were supposed to be "seen and not heard," my grandfather finds it hard to understand the more outspoken behavior of young people today.
3. Without trying to _____ deeply into the reasons for their conduct, just describe accurately what they did.
4. Giving up your bus seat to a pretty girl is showing off, but giving it up to a tired old lady is true _____.
5. Some people will never do the _____ thing when it is possible to behave in an unusual or shocking way.
6. When the American people learned of the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941, they realized that war must _____.
7. Although I know I should have written long before now, I hope you will accept my _____ thanks for the beautiful gift you sent me.
8. In spite of all that has been reported about pollution, some people still do not grasp its _____ effects on the environment.
9. After many years of public service, she has a splendid record without the slightest _____ of wrongdoing.
10. We all know that our coach is strict, but can you _____ a single instance in which he has been unfair?
11. When we were upset and confused, it was only your _____ advice that prevented us from doing something foolish.
12. As my friend became older, the _____ in his behavior grew stranger and more difficult to deal with.
13. After our bitter quarrel, my brother tried to _____ me by offering to lend me his bicycle.
14. After seven owners had made additions to the house, all in different styles, the building looked so _____ that no one would buy it.
15. He _____ us with food, drink, and endless stories of his seafaring days.
16. I don't like listening to two people quarrel, but I like even less being the person to _____ their disagreements.
17. A good supervisor is one who can be firm and efficient without giving the impression of being _____.

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18. A good teacher can give you knowledge and skills, but no teacher can _____ the wisdom that comes only with experience.

19. His devil-may-care attitude toward his job eventually earned him quite a reputation for being _____ and unreliable.

20. "In that smart new outfit, you look as _____ and stylish as a model," I said to my sister.

*Choose the word from this unit that is **the same** or **most nearly the same** in meaning as the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.*

1. raised in a rough-and-tumble **environment** _____
2. a **jaunty** little hat _____
3. cannot explain such **peculiar** behavior _____
4. a **lackadaisical** attitude toward studying _____
5. resent their **high-handed** attitude _____
6. a memorable show of **valor** _____
7. actions that **tarnished** the company's image _____
8. tried to **settle** arguments between neighbors _____
9. **diverted** us with jokes and silly antics _____
10. tolerant of personal **eccentricities** _____
11. did not stop to think about what might **result** _____
12. set out a **lure** to catch the thieves _____
13. **commended** the volunteers for their dedication _____
14. received a **late** invitation to the dance _____
15. **investigate** the cause of the accident _____

*Choose the word from this unit that is **most nearly opposite** in meaning to the **boldface** word or expression in the given phrase. Write the word on the line provided.*

16. makes **foolish** remarks _____
17. **withheld** crucial information _____
18. **unorthodox** ways of getting things done _____
19. tried to **provoke** the crowd _____
20. a series of **fortunate** events _____

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Vocabulary in Context

Read the following passage, in which some of the words you have studied in this unit appear in ***boldface*** *type. Then complete each statement given below the passage by circling the letter of the item that is* ***the same*** *or* ***almost the same*** *in meaning as the highlighted word.*

An American Tragedy

(Line)

History is full of **calamitous** events. Some of these events are caused by nature; others are caused by human actions. The flood that destroyed much of Johnstown, Pennsylvania, in 1889 was caused by a combination of nature's fury and human failure.

The South Fork Dam, located 14 miles above Johnstown, was built in the early 1800s to block the Conemaugh River for a reservoir. A **judicious** plan for the maintenance of the enormous earth-filled dam was never formulated. The dam began to weaken even before the reservoir was full. Repairs were inadequate. (5)

Buildings devastated by fire and flood

In 1879, a developer purchased the dam, the lake, and the surrounding land. The property was turned into the South Fork Fishing and Hunting Club, a private resort for the wealthy. Little attention was given to the worsening condition of the dam. (10) (15)

In the spring of 1889, extremely heavy snows and rains put an enormous strain on the dam. The club's managing engineers spotted problems, but their **belated** attempt to shore up the dam failed. At 3:10 on the afternoon of May 31, the dam gave way with a thunderous roar. Tons of water swept down the valley into Johnstown in a towering, unstoppable wave. As the flood roared through the town, debris and bodies piled up at the Stoneycreek Bridge. Railcars filled with chemicals ignited, and a terrible fire **ensued**. (20) (25)

Despite the **gallantry** of hundreds of horrified volunteers who tried to pull victims from the water, 2,209 people died. Clara Barton herself led the relief work of a team from the American Red Cross. It took five years for the stunned survivors to rebuild their city and their lives. (30)

1. The meaning of **calamitous** (line 1) is
a. memorable c. catastrophic
b. infamous d. beneficial

2. Judicious (line 5) most nearly means
a. prudent c. costly
b. detailed d. foolish

3. Belated (line 21) is best defined as
a. clumsy c. prompt
b. early d. tardy

4. The meaning of **ensued** (line 26) is
a. raged c. started
b. resulted d. preceded

5. Gallantry (line 27) most nearly means
a. daring c. cowardice
b. folly d. effort